

HOUSE BILL 1900

By Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, relative to reimbursement of assessment costs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5605, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)

(1) The department shall create a fund to reimburse an educator who receives a qualifying score on an assessment required pursuant to this section and who receives a license to teach or an endorsement, as applicable, in an amount equal to the cost of the required assessment.

(2) If an educator receives a qualifying score on an assessment required pursuant to this section and receives a license to teach or an endorsement, as applicable, then the department shall reimburse the educator in an amount equal to the cost of the required assessment from the fund established in subdivision (c)(1). The department shall not reimburse the cost of an assessment for which the educator does not receive a qualifying score.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds must not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.